



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Preparing for July 4 hot dogs

As seniors, we are blessed to have more choices than other population groups.

However, I suspect some days aren't up to par with others or as we would choose. Personally, I think we need to sort out ways to cheer our friends and family, rather than gripe and complain or lament over the status of our day.

We should consider that we can't fix what's going on in our country, but we can spread joy as we consider all we have to be thankful for.

Let's wear our masks (even if some jerk makes fun of us).

Admittedly, I am a news junkie. But I'm trying listen to news maybe only three times a day now. All of us should learn something new, such as knitting or crocheting (and yes that goes for men as well as women).

I know of one gentleman who took up whittling, something he hadn't done since he was a boy on the farm. Maybe I'll learn to play the fiddle and sing "Yankee Doodle." There is so much to enjoy if we don't concentrate on things we can't fix.

On a lighter note, it's estimated 155 million hot dogs will be consumed in the United States on July 4. We eat an average of 60 hot dogs per person each year.

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council of America predicts we'll consume 7 billion hot dogs between Memorial Day and Labor Day in this country. The biggest seller of hot dogs? Costco.

The most popular brand is Oscar Meyer. Now, doesn't that make you smile? Maybe this little ditty will, too:

"Oh, I'd love to be an Oscar

Meyer weiner.

That is what I'd truly like to be.

'Cause if I were an Oscar Meyer weiner,

Everyone would be in love with me.

Oh, I'm glad I'm not an Oscar Meyer weiner.

That is what I'd never wanna be.

'Cause if I were an Oscar Meyer weiner,

There would soon be nothing left of me."

Continuing the patriotic theme, did you know Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address begins with a discussion of the Declaration of Independence: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Read all about it! It reminds me of some of our newscasts of today.

However, we have a part in all of this: Prayer. It can give us a feeling of unrest when we watch or read about all the riots and our pandemic. However, that's where our part comes in. Our forefathers did a lot of praying. We can too.

Back to local celebrating, I want onions and sauerkraut along with mustard on my hot dog, thank you.

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Letter to the editor

Multiple colors make the richest tapestry

It has been my experience with my own children that giving information rather than lectures encourages growth. For any generation to become its best, we provide resources that will promote an openness to all thought.

Information, not lecture, opens the mind.

Here are some additional mind-expanding books of color:

"Three Sisters" by Bi Feiyu

"Please Look After Mom"

by Shin Kyung

"Navajo Code Talkers" by Nathan Aaseng

"Sioux Women Traditionally Sacred" by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

"Weapons, Beliefs, Traditions of the Chinook Indian" by Shannon Leigh O'Neil

"A Bintel Brief" by Liana Finck

"Jewish Maxwell Street Stories" by Shuli Eshel and Roger Schatz

"The House on Mango

Street" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

"Enrique's Journey" by Sonia Nazario and

"Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America" by Helen Thorpe.

Many colors give us a richer tapestry. But, in the end, God's love is the greatest gift we may give to others.

Dawna Rekart
Warrenton

History in the Making

A look at Warrenton's top stories from The Columbia Press annals



Bandit gives Warrenton its 15 minutes of fame

JULY 1995

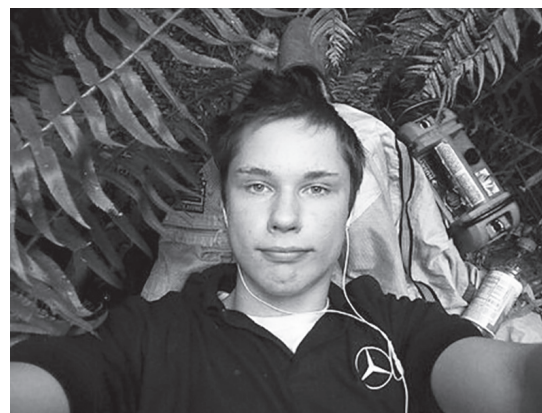
25 YEARS AGO

- Warrenton Fiber Company owner Martin Nygaard asks the city to place a general obligation bond on the ballot to fund a \$2 million commercial dock at Tansy Point, where the company leases land from the city.

JULY 2000

20 YEARS AGO

- The city of Warrenton loses a lawsuit filed by the developer of a 141-unit mini-storage facility at the four-way stop. The city had attempted to withhold a



Colton Harris-Moore, the "Barefoot Bandit."

building permit after discovering some of the units would open directly onto Northeast Harbor Court.

- Fred Meyer submits a request to build a gas station at its new store on Neptune Drive at Highway 101.

- The city approves a zone change to allow Ocean Crest Chevrolet to build a car dealership on Highway 101 at Alternate Highway 101.

- Construction of a new bus barn is under way next to

Warrenton High School.

JULY 2010

10 YEARS AGO

- Les Newton, who served as Warrenton's mayor for 16 years, dies at age 84. He'd opened Warrenton Auto and Marine Repair in 1957.

- George Lanning is named interim superintendent of the Warrenton-Hammond School District.

- Colton Harris-Moore, a teenager

known as the "Barefoot Bandit" and suspected in more than 100 vehicle, boat and aircraft thefts, stole a boat in Ilwaco and docked it in Astoria before attempting to steal a plane at Astoria Regional Airport. When that plan failed, he stole a Dodge from a nearby parking lot.

- The body of Shane Michael Edwards of Ocean Park, who jumped off the Astoria-Megler Bridge, was found in the surf near South Jetty.